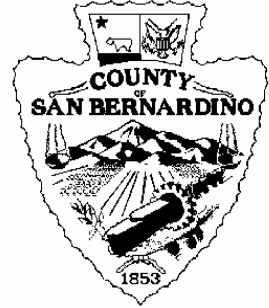


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POSTMUS NAMES PHELAN RESIDENT TO GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PHELAN – First District Supervisor Bill Postmus announced Thursday that he has appointed Kenneth D. Anderson of Phelan, owner of two High Desert businesses and a longtime community volunteer, to the San Bernardino County General Plan Advisory Committee.

“As the blueprint for the future of our County, the General Plan is one of the most important documents developed for the benefit of San Bernardino County and its citizens,” Postmus said. “The need for good planning has never been more critical. Unprecedented growth and prosperity requires that the utmost attention be paid to the management and responsible encouragement of development.”

Postmus said many Tri-Community constituents asked for representation on the Committee. “I was pleased to have been able to accommodate their request, and I know from personal observation that Ken will represent the area well,” Postmus said.

The County’s General Plan contains goals, policies and maps that guide the land use decisions of the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for a period of approximately 20 years. State law requires that each general plan of a city or county contain the following seven policy “elements”: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety. In addition, the County intends to prepare a new element concerning Economic Development.

The General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) is comprised of 15 individuals who provide feedback on draft elements of the General Plan and assist with outreach to local communities.

Anderson, who is also a member of the Phelan Municipal Advisory Committee, is Postmus’ fourth appointment to the panel. Other First District members include Eric Swanson of Hesperia, Doug Shumway of Apple Valley, and Scott Frier of Helendale.

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The purpose of the GPAC is to provide County decision-makers with a representative sample of local insights that only county residents could provide. It is representative of all areas of the County. The role of the GPAC is advisory in nature, acting as a sounding board for staff as work progresses, representing the citizens' viewpoint.

In addition to the GPAC, regional committees will be formed to focus on policy issues specific to the Valley, Mountain and Desert regions. Small local planning committees will also be formed to work on community plans and "special study" areas.

The GPAC meets approximately once a month throughout the anticipated 24 months while the Draft General Plan is under preparation. The GPAC meets on the third Wednesday of each month, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the County Government Center in San Bernardino.